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For: **NETWORK-BASED SYSTEM FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION BIDS**

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I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date JAN. 29, 2002, in an envelope addressed to:
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed December 10, 2001, Applicants request amendment of the subject application, as follows:

ABSTRACT

Please insert the following Abstract section on new page 20 of the application:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides an Internet-based construction bid management system that can be accessed and utilized by construction project owners, general contractors, subcontractors, vendors, and other parties interested in the construction bidding process. The system accommodates the posting of projects, the submission of bids, the distribution of construction drawings, and the collection of historical bid results, via any number of networked computer devices. The automated nature of the system ensures that the current bid status of any number of projects can be quickly updated for immediate access by the various participants.

DRAWINGS

Enclosed please find FOUR (4) sheets of substitute drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R 1.84. We request that these drawings be substituted for the drawings currently on file.

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in response to the Notice to File Corrected Papers mailed December 10, 2001. No new matter has been entered.

No fee is deemed necessary with the filing of this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may be required for the filing of this response to deposit account number 07-1895.

Respectfully submitted,



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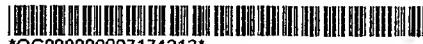
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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawings contain excessive text. Suitable descriptive legends may be used, or may be required by the Examiner where necessary for understanding of the drawing but should contain as few words as possible (see 37 CFR 1.84(o));
- An abstract was not provided for this application. An abstract of the technical disclosure is required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

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